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## Door County Public Health Department News Release

### **Starting November 19, all persons aged 19 through 64, with medical conditions, eligible for H1N1 vaccine**

The State of Wisconsin has changed its guidelines for who is eligible to receive the H1N1 vaccine. A new priority group has been added and will take effect starting on November 19.

Rhonda Kolberg, Door County Health Officer, stated: “The target group of persons aged 19 through 64 who have medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza-related complications has been added as a high priority group to receive the H1N1 vaccine. This group is in addition to the previous groups.”

The groups that are eligible to receive the H1N1 vaccine, starting November 19, are:

- pregnant women,
- persons who live with or provide care for infants aged less than 6 months,
- health care and emergency medical services personnel who have direct contact with patients or infectious material,
- persons aged 6 months—4 years,
- children and adolescents aged 5-18 years who have medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza-related complications, and
- persons aged 19 through 64 who have medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza-related complications.

Some of the medical conditions that put people at higher risk for influenza-related complications include:

- Cancer
- Blood disorders (including sickle cell disease)
- Chronic lung disease [such as asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)]
- Diabetes
- Heart disease
- Kidney disorders
- Liver disorders
- Neurological disorders (such as epilepsy, cerebral palsy, brain or spinal cord injuries, moderate to profound intellectual disability or developmental delay)
- Neuromuscular disorders (such as muscular dystrophy and multiple sclerosis)
- Weakened immune systems (such as people with HIV or AIDS, transplant patients, or who are on medications that weaken the immune system)

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**Two H1N1 Vaccine clinics for these target groups have been scheduled:**

A clinic is scheduled for **Thursday, November 19, 2009, from 2 PM-- 6 PM**, at the **Door County Government Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Peninsula Room**, for those individuals listed in the above groups. Persons should enter through the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue entrance across from the library. This clinic is a **walk-in clinic, with no appointments taken**.

A clinic is scheduled for **Monday, November 23, 2009, from 2 PM -- 4 PM**, at the **Baileys Harbor Town Hall** for those individuals listed in the above groups. This clinic is a **walk-in clinic, with no appointments taken**.

Additional community-based clinics for these populations will be planned according to vaccine availability.

Influenza (flu) can be a very serious disease with many complications. Symptoms of influenza include fever, muscle aches, sore throat, and a non-productive cough. More serious illness can occur if pneumonia follows.

For more information on the H1N1 virus, check <http://pandemic.wisconsin.gov/> or [www.co.door.wi.gov](http://www.co.door.wi.gov) or call 2-1-1 for questions about H1N1 influenza.